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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 23, 2003, said period of response being extended from January 23, 2004 to February 23, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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